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Fulton Market Fish Notes.

There were a few small southern bluefish in the market on Saturday. They sold at 15c to 20c.

Codfish.—There was little change in prices of codfish. Steaks brought 6c to 8c all last week; and market cod brought 4c to 5c.

Flounders were higher in price than last week. During the first couple of days the price was 3c to 4c, and later on it advanced to 4c and 5c.

Haddock did not show any change in price; 4c to 5c being the quotation. There were no hake.

Lobsters seem to be getting higher in price every day. Friday they sold at 60c per pound by the barrel. On Thursday they were quoted at 55c to 60c. A very few small ones are reaching the market and bringing the same as large.

Eight carloads of Pacific halibut came to the market last week. They sold at 8 and 9 cents per pound. Eastern white halibut brought from a shilling to 15 cents.

Dominion Ice Reports.

The Dominion ice report for Friday said:

Matane, Cape Despair, Point Maquereau, Heath Point, Mulgrave, Point Esmonds—No ice.

Point Escuminac, Cape Tormentine, Cape Traverse, Point Amour, Belle Isle—Heavy close packed ice everywhere.

Magdalene Islands, Money Point, St. Paul's Island—Heavy close packed.

Fame Point—Light open ice inshore.

Southwest Point, Cape Bear—Light open ice.

Flat Point—Heavy, close packed, distant.

Cape Ray—Heavy open ice everywhere.

Want Time Limit Changed.

George T. Moon, president of the Fulton Market Fish Mangers' Association of New York, and well known here, was in Albany on Thursday and appeared before the senate committee, having charge of the Brennan Cold Storage Bill, which limits the time that foodstuff may be kept in cold storage to six months. Mr. Moon presented to the senate committee the same arguments that he advanced when he appeared before the assembly committee, at its hearing on the same bill some weeks ago. Mr. Moon said the bill would be acceptable to the association which he represented, if the time limit was changed from six months to one year.

Lobster Higher Than Salmon.

Lobsters are still comparatively the highest priced product brought to T wharf, not excepting eastern salmon, the price of which is still considerably above \$1 a pound. While the price of lobsters has not reached that figure yet it is more than double the regular price of other years at this season. The Yarmouth steamer brought only 63 crates of live lobster; this trip, which would not give the boilers 300 pounds each if the lobsters were evenly divided.

On the Way to Burgeo.

Capt. William H. Thomas, who has been held up at Louisburg, C. B., on his way to the wreck of sch. Colonial, at Burgeo, N. F., by the sinking of the steamer Bruce, will leave today for Port au Basques, N. F., on steamer Glencoe, which has been placed on the sunken steamer's route, and from there will go to Burgeo, as soon as possible.

More Lunenburgers Sail.

The Lunenburg, N. S., boats are hurrying away. These sailed Friday: schs. Alice Gertrude, Revenue, Annie L. Spindler, Hawanee, Jennie E. Ritcey, Helen C. Morse, Ambition, Florence B. Mason, Evelyn V. Miller, Ida A. Saunders, Harry W. Adams, Warren G. Winters, Colonial.

Codfishing Poor Off New York.

The Fulton Market codfish fleet didn't do much last week and receipts were light as far as smacks were concerned. Only four vessels reached port. The largest haul of smack fish numbered 2700 to Kingsland & Comstock. The smallest, 38 fish, was brought in on the Elizabeth C.

Lenten Fish Trade Is Dull.

The Fishing Gazette says: "The Lenten trade in salt fish is still somewhat disappointing. Mackerel are dull, particularly the Irish. Few shipments of the latter are coming forward, the curers living in the hope of a better market. Trade in salt cod is good."

Provincetown Schooner Here.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson is over here from Provincetown to get ready for the season's fishing.

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TWO GOOD FARES IN AT THIS PORT.

TWO OF THE GEORGES HANDLINERS AND SEVERAL MARKET BOATS IN.

Two of the Georges handliners came along yesterday afternoon and a number of market boats also came in, some down from Boston and others from the grounds, where the weather was not too good and looked to be getting worse for today.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Creighton, had a nice fare of Georges handline cod, hailing for 38,000 pounds of these goods and 1000 weight of halibut. Sch. Titania, Capt. Patrick Vale, also had a good fare, 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 weight of halibut.

This morning two of the cod netters the W. H. Reed and W. H. Clement, which have been fishing over in Ipswich Bay came in with 5000 pounds and 3000 pounds respectively.

The steam and gasoline netters also landed about 22,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Arbutus, Georges handlining, 38,000 lbs. salt cod, 800 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Titania, Georges handlining, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 1800 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, Provincetown.

Sch. W. H. Reed, shore.

Sch. Georgianna, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. W. H. Reed, Ipswich Bay, 5000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sloop W. H. Clement, Ipswich Bay, 3000 lbs. fresh cod.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bethula, shore, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5 for medium.

Georges halibut, 10 1-2c per lb., for white and 7 1-2c for gray.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white, 8 cts. per lb. for small gray, and 6 cts. for large gray.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium, \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.30 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals.

Steamer Leviathan, for harbor.

Steamer Hercules, for harbor.

Fishermen in Crippled Boat.

At the mercy of a heavy sea off the lightship in Boston Bay, Avalo di Ferro and Frank Pollarara drifted several hours yesterday in a crippled power fishing dory, till picked up by pilot boat No. 4, and brought to quarantine. The boat, with broken rudder, was towed by the police tug Guardian to T wharf later.

A smashed rudder had put their boat out of commission just as they were about to start back to T wharf with their catch of flounders.

The crippled boat being fast driven seaward, the men made a frantic effort to work their vessel in close to the lightship, but were unable to do so. Then they hoisted a red flannel shirt tied to an oar as a signal of distress, and it was seen by the pilot boat.

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To Fit Sch. Flirt.

Capt. Robert Winslow is here to fit sch. Flirt for dory handlining.

Sch. Corona Halibut Stock.

Sch. Corona, Capt. Emil Engstrom, stocked \$2059 as the result of her recent fresh halibut trip.

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STATEMENT IS PRETTY STRONG.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATOR SAYS 3000 FISHERMEN COME UP HERE EVERY YEAR.

Some days ago, in the Nova Scotia legislature, E. H. Armstrong offered a resolution endorsing reciprocity and commending the Canadian government or having taken up the reciprocity proposition.

In the course of his speech and referring to the fishing industry, Mr. Armstrong said that reciprocity would bring to the fishermen of the province a prosperity that would redound to the good of all.

During the period of the old reciprocity treaty the industry developed by leaps and bounds. The fishing fleets then were a great deal larger than they are now. Three-fourths of the Gloucester fishing vessels are manned by Nova Scotian fishermen. Every year some 3000 men leave their homes in Nova Scotia and go to Gloucester to fish. While they bring some of their earnings back with them, the province does not get the full benefit as it should.

In 1854 Joseph Howe made a prediction that the time would come when Nova Scotia would have half a million men on the seas. "If that prophecy is ever to be fulfilled," said Mr. Armstrong, "it will be fulfilled under a reciprocity agreement."

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Capt. Watts Lost No Time.

Capt. Frank Watts of sch. Gladys and Nellie don't believe in losing any time. Last Friday during the north-west gale the headbolt, holding up the mainsail, broke, letting the gaff fall. The big spar which holds the top of the sail was broken in the fall, and the man at the wheel had a narrow escape. The schooner came in here at once, reaching here at 2 p. m., and one of the quickest jobs done for a fisherman was done on her, and at 5 o'clock the same afternoon, Capt. Watts was leaving again for the fishing grounds. Yesterday morning found him at T wharf, with the biggest shore market trip of the day.

Sch. Senator at Halifax With Halibut.

Sch. Senator, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson of this port was at Halifax, N. S., yesterday with 10,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Nickerson asked for permission to sell the fare there and the request was very graciously granted by the Canadian government. The vessel has been out for seven weeks, having been up against hard weather and will refit there and proceed on another voyage. This is the second fare of halibut which the Canadian government has allowed to be sold at Halifax within a few days from American vessels forced to make that port to refit or because of accident.

First Herring to Southward.

Fifty-two herring were caught at Lewes, Delaware a few days ago. They were the first of the season as far as that point was concerned.

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The export of fish from Norway is growing at an astonishing rate, already as large as \$15,174,000 in 1908. It rose to \$19,554,000 in 1909.

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Arrived at Anacortes.

A letter received here from one of the party of fishermen which left here recently for Anacortes, Washington, where they are to go in one of the Robinson salt cod fleet, states that the party has arrived there all right, having a fine passage across, shipping no heavy seas. The letter says that nobody got land sick and all had a good time on the voyage and were looking ahead to a good season at their old game of fishing.

Pacific Halibuters Doing Well.

Good reports are heard from the large fleet of Pacific halibut schooners. The returns to the operators, however, will not be great, as halibut one day recently was down to three cents a pound at Seattle.

Pacific Codfishing Craft Lost.

The codfishing sch. Czarina, en route from San Francisco to the Shumagin islands, was wrecked on Kenai island during a terrific gale the night of February 15. The crew got ashore.

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Looking for Big Blow.

The wise ones say it is going to blow from northwest and blow hard. The glass fell rapidly yesterday afternoon and none of the market boats went out during the night and this morning are still tied up. The glass this morning was handy to 29.

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Good Trip at Pensacola.

The Pensacola correspondent of the Fishing Gazette report the following recent arrivals there:

Eight fishing smacks arrived here during the week and the average catch was 20,000 pounds of redsnapper. Some vessels ran nearly 50 per cent. above that figure, and others below. The largest haul fell to the smack Caldwell H. Colt, of the Warren Fish company. She carried only redsnapper, of which there was 29,000 pounds. The smallest catch was made by the smack Galatea, of the same company. She brought in 6,000 pounds of redsnapper and 2,000 pounds of grouper. The smack Silas Stearns, of the same company, had 27,000 pounds of redsnapper. This catch was equaled by the smack Dorothy, of E. E. Saunders & Co. This haul was made from the westward of the Mississippi River.

Four other vessels to E. E. Saunders & Co. made their catch at the Campechy Banks. The smack Louise Harpe, 11,000 pounds redsnapper; smack Cavalier, 18,000 pounds redsnapper, 10,000 pounds grouper; smack Seacomet, 26,000 pounds redsnapper, 6,000 pounds grouper; smack Lettie H. Howard, 21,000 pounds redsnapper and 5,000 pounds grouper.

New Local Fisheries Laws.

Three fisheries acts have been recently enacted in this state. One provides that it shall be unlawful to practice trawling in Boston Harbor. The penalty for a violation is a fine of \$100, imprisonment for three months, or both.

Another act provides that it shall be unlawful to take flounders or any other groundfish in the waters lying inshore from a line drawn from Pemberton Point, in the town of Hull, to Pigg Rock, in the town of Swampscott, by beam trawl or by any apparatus other than a hook and line or an ordinary trawl. Penalty, fine not exceeding \$200 for each offence.

An act of recent passage by the Massachusetts legislature prohibits torching except in such cases as where the selectmen of a town may grant permits. It makes it unlawful to take fish by torching in any of the waters of Cohasset or Situate southwesterly of a line, drawn from Little Black Rock to Gull Island, or in the waters of Duxbury or Plymouth harbors westerly of a line drawn from Pier Head to Saquish Head.

Fulton Market Fleet for Bluefish.

The regular Fulton Fish Market fleet are all getting ready for southern bluefishing. Eight or nine vessels got away week before last, and during the present week, half a dozen others got under way.

Wilson & Barry sent off the Kentucky on Thursday. She is about the biggest vessel of the fleet.

The George T. Moon Co. dispatched two of his vessels, Liela B. Fernald and Emma & Helen. Both looked spic and span in new coats of paint.

The Flora Nickerson, owned by Kingsland & Comstock, sailed on Monday. The same day Eldred & Haley sent out the Lewis & Rosie. N. S. Gates & Co. have the Lottie S. Morton out for bluefish.

Principle is the Whole Thing.

In the Canadian House of Commons the other day the Minister of Marine said that Capt. Bernier, the Arctic explorer, is trying to make the Northwest Passage, and if successful will go to the mouth of the Mackenzie River, where it is supposed that American fishermen are carrying on whale fishing operations, and he will collect \$50 fees from them. A customs port was established on the north shore of Hudson Bay some years ago. In other cases Capt. Bernier collects duty on the goods he finds in the ships and makes them take out fishing licenses. Last year he brought back \$500. It is not so much the amount of money as the assertion of Canadian authority.

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Steam Trawler Skippers to Shift.

When the new steam trawler Crest s launched this week, it is expected that Capt. Michael Green, the oldest captain of the steam fleet, will take command of her, and that his brother Herbert, now captain of the Foam, will have the Ripple, and that Capt. Thomas of the old steam trawler Spray will take the Foam. The Spray will be given to Capt. Steele.

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THE OFFSHORES HAVE BIG FARES.

A DOZEN OF THEM BOOST RE-
CEIPTS NEAR TO MILLION
POUND MARK.

Of the 15 arrivals at T wharf this morning, at least a dozen are from off-shore and with fares of such size as to push the receipts in sight pretty handy to the million pound mark. The three market boats, with their hand-ful of fish are lost in the grand shuffle and the big fellows monopolize the dock berths. Fish have dropped, as is to be expected and \$1.20 for haddock is now heard tell of as the "canners'" price. They will get some of the fish today and some may come down to split, although all that can be will be taken up by the Boston man.

Among the big catches, sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, hails for 94,000 pounds and sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, has 88,000 pounds. While Capt. Reuben Cameron, who hasn't been out haddocking before for many a day and took the Stiletto out this time has the dandy catch of 91,000 pounds. It's hard work to lose the veterans.

Sch. Georgia, Capt. Charles Forbes, found good going off shore and hails for 80,000 pounds. Schs. Elsie, Fannie E. Prescott, Raymah, Robert and Arthur, Virginia, Benjamin F. Phillips and Margaret Dillon also have nice fares.

The dealers paid \$1.85 to \$2 for haddock from off-shore and \$4.50 for shore stock. Large cod went at from \$2 to \$3, the former being most in evidence.

Word from Boston this noon was to the effect that the bottom had pretty nearly dropped out of the market. More trips are in, among them sch. Harriett, hailing for 120,000 pounds, and sch. Effie M. Prior, also with a big fare. Large cod had gone to \$2.15 and haddock had sold to the canners at \$1.50. It was stated that several of the vessels would have to bring most of their cod here to split.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Elsie, 20,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 30,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Raymah, 45,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 60,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Fannie Prescott, 20,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Sch. Stiletto, 40,000 haddock, 51,000 cod.
Sch. Virginia, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 45,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 35,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
Sch. Georgia, 30,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
Sch. Rex, 28,000 haddock, 66,000 cod.
Sch. Conqueror, 75,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Isabel, 2000 cod.
Sch. Marion, 1500 cod.

Off-shore haddock, \$1.85 to \$2 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$4.50; large cod, \$2 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$3.

Had Her Nets Cut Away.

When the fishermen on the schooner Reliance came into Portland on Monday morning, they were exceedingly wroth and they had cause to be. They found that their nets which they had left outside in the hope of landing a few cod, haddock and other fish had been cut and it meant the expenditure of considerable money to replace them.

It seems that when the Reliance left Portland Sunday to set her nets, they were placed over the trawls of two Gloucester fishermen. When these latter hauled their lines, they found them tangled in the nets. It is presumed that they at once began cutting the nets to free the hooks and then sailed away, for there was no sign of them in the vicinity when the Reliance went out. The skipper of the Portland craft equipped his vessel with a new set of gear to take the place of the ones destroyed.

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La Have, N. S., Bankers Start.

The following schooners the first of the La Have, N. S., fleet, sailed direct for the banks Friday: Russell H. Pentz, Aldine, Percival Parks, Ungava, Moran and Argenia.

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CODFISH DOWN HERE TO SPLIT.

SCH. INGOMAR ARRIVES FROM
EASTWARD WITH HER USUAL
LARGE CATCH.

Most of the market fleet in here yesterday did not go out last night and only two of them went this morning. Evidently the skippers figure no fish day outside.

The only arrival during the night was sch. Moanam, which came down from Boston with 35,000 pounds of fresh codfish to split, the first splitting lot from there this season thus far.

This forenoon sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, arrived from the eastward with a big catch, 90,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock.

Only two of the shore netters were out last night and both did well.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Ingomar, Brown's Bank, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Moanam, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Motor, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.
Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5 for medium.

Georges halibut, 10 1-2c per lb., for white and 7 1-2c for gray.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white, 8 cts. per lb. for small gray, and 6 cts. for large gray.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium, \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.30 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock \$1.20 per cwt.

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Coastwise Arrivals.

Barge Burnside, in tow of tug Conestoga, Philadelphia, coal for Griffin & Company

Fisherman Is Not a Seaman.

Judge Easterday of the superior court at Tacoma made an interesting ruling last month, and one which may be a precedent in the future for similar cases. In denying the petition of A. T. Trevold, a fisherman, Judge Easterday ruled for the first time in the history of the northwest at least on the status of a fisherman who is compensated by a share in the catch. Upon the point being raised by Mr. Enslow, the court decided that a fisherman was not included in the congressional act which allowed seamen final papers on three years' residence only. The court virtually decided that a fisherman is not a seaman and that a fishing vessel is not a merchant vessel, as construed in the special act.

First Sealer Brings Big Catch.

With a broom at her masthead, indicating to the watchers on shore that her trip had been successful, the steamer Bonaventure arrived at St. John's, N. F., last night with 30,000 seals aboard.

She was the first of the fleet of 19 sealers which left on the annual cruise 15 days ago to return to port.

Advices indicate that the catch will probably exceed half a million, considerably more than was secured by the sealers for years past.

The cargo brought in by the Bonaventure is worth in round numbers upward of \$75,000.

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Will Make Another Trip to New York.

When the steam trawler Coquet, which is chartered by the Atlantic Fish Corporation of Montreal, Canada, and which landed a fare of fresh fish at Fulton Market recently, cleared from Yarmouth, N. S., on Friday, she cleared for New York. This means that the craft has gone out to catch another trip with the intention of taking it into Fulton Market for disposal.

After landing her other trip at New York, she was compelled to clear for some definite port, not being allowed to clear for the fishing grounds and so her owner picked out the handiest Nova Scotia port, Yarmouth, and cleared for there. The craft went there all right, but apparently stopped there just long enough to observe customs regulations and immediately put to sea, her skipper first taking a clearance for New York. It is pretty safe to look for her at New York the last of this week or first of next.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish were not over plentiful here Monday though there were enough. The sch. Edmund F. Black brought in 14,000 pounds for the F. S. Willard Co. and the Lochinvar with 10,000 and the A. P. Parkhurst with 3000 for the Commercial wharf dealers.

Sch. Hockomock had 4000 and sch. Albert W. Black 6000 pounds.

Pollock seem to have struck in again, for three good fares of them were landed here Monday. Capt. Emore Gilliam in the Isabel Parsons had the banner trip with 15,000 pounds and stocked about \$500 for the fare. The Alice G. had 7000 and the Vigilant 9000.

Workmen are now engaged in making repairs to the engines and boilers of the steamer Elther preparatory to having her go after pollock.

Harvest of Pacific Herring.

A Seattle report says that fishermen off Whidby Island are reaping a harvest by enormous catches of herring, which they are taking by the scowload to King & Winge's fish dock, at West Seattle. The catch has run as high as 300 tons a day. The fish are bought by Okamoto Bros., fish brokers, who are salting and packing the herring. They expect to salt away 1000 tons this season for export to the Orient. The herring are left in salt for eight or ten days, when they are dried and packed in boxes holding 400 pounds each. It requires about 100 pounds of fresh herring to produce 60 pounds of dried herring. The fish are taken off Whidby Island in beach seines, and the prevailing price received by the fishermen is \$8 a ton.

Fish Imports at New York.

During February codfish to the value of \$13,886 was imported at New York. From Canada, \$8065; Miquelon, etc., \$4422; Newfoundland, \$1137; Germany, \$262. During the same month \$95,612 worth of herring was imported, Scotland's bill being \$48,528, Ireland's \$17,380, Netherland's \$12,312, Norway's \$9231, England's \$5028, and Canada's \$1620. There were small amounts from a few other countries. The mackerel imports for February figured up \$16,052, Norway leading with \$6790, followed by England, \$5753; Ireland, \$1051; Canada, \$2035; Netherlands, \$350; Scotland, \$73.

Booth Company Still Growing.

The Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" says that the Morgan and Guggenheim interests have disposed of the Northwestern Fisheries Co., one of the largest salmon packing companies of Alaska, to the Booth Fisheries Co. of Chicago and Baltimore. The consideration is placed at \$1,500,000. The property involved in the sale includes nine large Alaska canneries, six sailing ships and several tugs, barges and cannery tenders. The Northwestern Fisheries Co. will retain its corporate name, but will be a subsidiary of the Booth Fisheries Co. The transfer of the property will take place on April 1.

New Pacific Halibut Steamer.

The new halibut fisher Pacific left for Seattle recently on her maiden trip to the banks in command of her captain and owner, Capt. Olaf Gibson. The Pacific was launched recently in the shipyards of Nelson & Co. at Seattle, and is considered one of the finest individual vessels engaged in the halibut industry on this coast. She is 67 feet long and carries a crew of 11 men.

More Lunenburgers Sailed.

Up to Sunday, 37 of the Lunenburg, N. S., big fleet of bankers had sailed on their first trips of the season. Schs. Mariner, Hazel L. Ritchey, Roma, Lucania and Earl Gray sailed Saturday.

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LOCAL ANGLERS GETTING READY.

Local anglers who follow the brook trout fishing will be out bright and early Saturday morning, seeking a nibble from these speckled beauties, which are no longer under the protection of the law, that is, during the open season.

Fishing in the local brooks of recent years has not been so bountiful as in the past. Last fall a large quantity of fingerlings were liberated in Alewife brook, but it will be several seasons before these will be fit to catch.

Heretofore, for several years, the opening has fallen on April 15, but a change was recently made, whereby the fishermen are given two more weeks of sport early in the year. Thus far, however, weather conditions have been hardly favorable to any record catches on the opening day of the season. There has been so little rain, thus far, that many of the brooks are rather low, while in some of the ponds to which the fishermen annually go the ice is by no means out. A few days of the right sort of weather, however, will cut away the ice in short order. And in consequence trout fishermen, as always, are hopeful, although not altogether confident.

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Let Up on Salt Water Fish Law.

The fish and game commission of Louisiana has decided that shipments of salt water fish may be made into that State from May 15 to August 1, from Florida and Texas, declaring such action to be no violation of the law. And the commission decided otherwise it would have proven a severe blow to the fishing industry of Pensacola, as immense consignments are sent to that market from there each day. The Louisiana game laws prohibit the selling or catching of salt water fish during that period. Until the commission handed down its decision, it was a matter of contention as to whether or not dealers in Texas and Florida could ship in fish for Louisiana consumption.

Thunder Storm on Georges Bank.

Capt. Matthew Greer of the Matthew S. Greer, which arrived at T wharf, yesterday found fish scarce on the Georges, so Wednesday afternoon started for Brown's bank, about 50 miles away. Just as he was starting a terrific thunder and lightning storm broke, which lasted for several hours. On Brown's bank on Thursday a heavy snow storm set in, and all day and night and Friday and Saturday the snow continued to fall, while the wind blew a gale. It was so cold that the vessel was covered with ice.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Massachusetts was at Canso, N. S., Saturday and sailed.
Sch. Ella G. King arrived at Canso, N. S., Saturday.

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Clam Packing Record Broken.

The Eastport "Sentinel" says that the Underwood clam factory of that city packed 400 cases of the bivalves on Monday of last week. This is claimed to be a world's record in this industry. Three hundred cases in a day was heretofore called a big day's work.

In a New Vessel.

Capt. Louis Wharton, who was last season in sch. Avalon in the dory handline fishery, will this year command the splendid sch. Oriole, from the same concern, in the same line of fishing.

Good Fares at Galveston.

Three smacks of the Gulf Fisheries Co. recently landed 57,000 pounds of fish at Galveston, Tex., in one day. The Mendocino had 25,000 pounds; Alvah, 16,000 pounds, and Edward F. Williams, 16,000 pounds.

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Halibut Trip at Portland.

Sch. John Hays Hammond of this port is at Portland today with 20,000 pounds of halibut and 25,000 pounds of fresh fish. The craft was out this time under command of Capt. John Olson, and has been gone but three weeks.

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Alaska's Fishermen.

Alaska's fishing industry gives employment to nearly 13,000 persons, of whom 2823 are natives.

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Turning Them Out Fast.

Another fine new schooner of 86 tons register built by Joseph McGill, at Shelburne, N. S., was launched Thursday. She is named Alice M. Pike, and was built for Harvey & Co., of St. John's, N. F., to be operated from their Belleoram branch. She is similar in style and construction to the "Stanley & Frank," which Mr. McGill launched last month for the same firm. She will be commanded by Capt. Keeping of Belleoram. She will be rigged at once, and as soon as completed, will sail for her home port, where she will engage in salt bank fishing.

March 30.

OFF ON THEIR LONG COD TRIPS

ANACORTES FLEET WITH 23 GLOUCESTER MEN SAILS THIS WEEK.

The schs. Alice and Joseph Russ of the Robinson Fisheries Company's salt cod fishing fleet, of Anacortes, Washington, were expected to sail on Monday or Tuesday of this week on their five months trip to Behring sea, so by this time they are probably on their way.

Twelve of the 23 men who went from here recently are on the Joseph Russ and 11 on the Alice. They could not all go on one craft as they expected and so drew lots after arriving there to see who should go on the Alice and who on the Russ.

Capt. McPhie, in command of the Joseph Russ, states that he has his crew complete, consisting of 38 men. The salters, dress gang and splitters are the same "old bunch" that have been going up with the vessel for the past few years, while quite a number of the balance of the crew belong to the "old gang." Jack Polson is first saltier, J. Sutter, second saltier; James Marr, first splitter, and McPhie says that they are fitted up for a five months' trip, but only expected to be gone about four months all told.

Both vessels are in splendid shape, it taking an equal amount of food and crew for the two vessels to fit them up for their trip to the frozen north.

Portland Fish Notes.

Tuesday was decidedly not a fish day. Several of the fleet went out but landed no fares. The little schooner Reliance secured about 400 weight in her nets and that was all.

It seems a far cry to talk of mackerel fishing, but two of the Portland fleet are already beginning to fit out for a mackerel netting trip south with the rest of the New England vessels. They are schs. Bernie and Bessie, Capt. Frank McIntyre, and the Hockomock, Capt. Ed. Smith.

It is very evident that the men of Capt. Greenleaf's crew on the United States fisheries steamer Gannet are keeping busy, for up to the present time they have collected 140,000,000 flounder eggs. Special attention is to be paid this year to the flounder propagation. The men in the United States service are not only setting their "fykes" for the fish to strip them of the eggs, but they are also buying large flounders that are caught by the fishermen. Up to the present time, a number of big ones, weighing fully six pounds, have been landed and taken to the hatchery at Boothbay to be kept until they are ripe. They will then be stripped of their eggs and released.

Southern Mackerel Fleet.

Capt. Archibald Devine of sch. Arthur James is figuring on starting south mackerel seining today. This craft will be the second of the fleet to get away, sch. Clintonia having sailed a week ago last Saturday.

Capt. Frank H. Hall has his crew at work fitting out sch. Ralph L. Hall for her southern mackerel seining trip, and it would not be surprising if he got away early next week.

Capt. John Matheson of sch. Monarch will begin to fit out about April 10 and sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, will also start in at about the same date.

T WHARF OVERSTOCKED.

LARGE OFF-SHORE FISH TRIPS LAND MORE THAN DEALERS CAN HANDLE.

T wharf has another batch of fine off-shore trips today and the chances are that a good bunch of them will go to Gloucester to split, as the dealers are more than stocked up and the canners can handle only about so many fish per day. This leaves the most of them to go to Gloucester for the knife.

Seven of the market boats are in with small fares and their prices were affected by the glut of fish which the off-shores brought.

Including schs. Harriet and Effie M. Prior, which came yesterday, there are nine off-shores trips at Boston today and all are fine ones except that of the steam trawler Spray. The other trawlers seem to have lost the combination of late, and are not doing much, while the sailing trawl craft are piling in the big loads.

Off-shore haddock sold to market at \$1.80; the canners paying \$1.50. Codfish, what the dealers wanted to take, went at \$2.25 for off-shores and \$3.50 for shores. There were several fine lots of halibut in among the crafts, which fished on LaHave, which brought 12 1-2 to 13 cents per pound.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Tecumseh, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 45,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 cusk, 1900 halibut.

Sch. Morning Star, 78,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 halibut.

Steamer Spray, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 14,000 sole.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Manhasset, 40,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 60,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 4000 halibut.

Sch. Esperanto, 40,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Esther Gray, 10,000 haddock, 5600 cod.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1000 haddock, 4500 cod, 300 pollock.

Sch. Dixie, 6000 haddock, 4500 cod, 300 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 1000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, 4500 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Harriett, 50,000 haddock, 60,000 cod.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, 60,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Off-shore haddock, \$1.80 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3 to \$3.50; codfish, \$2.25 to \$3.50; pollock, \$3.50; halibut, 12 1-2 to 13 cts. per lb.

HEAVY WESTERLY WIND.

Sea Making Clean Break Over Dog Bar Breakwater.

The wind this forenoon is very heavy indeed and blowing from the westward. Some of the vessels which put out from Boston, bound on off-shore trips, met the blow off here during the night and put in for harbor. The sea is running high and making a clean breach over the Dog Bar breakwater, sending the sheets of spray high in the air.

Around the harbor it seems as though the force of the wind is about as heavy as has been felt this whole winter.

The barometer is the lowest of the season, registering two-tenths below 29.

New Puget Sound Codfish Company.

Another new factor has been added during the past month to the Puget Sound codfish industry by the incorporation of the Pacific Coast Codfish Company, at Seattle. While the company is new, the management is not, for the president of the new company is Dr. E. Jansen, formerly of the Seattle-Alaska Fish Co., which until this spring operated the "Maid of Orleans" and maintained a station at Squaw Harbor. Both the boat and the station were sold early in the year to the Western Codfish Co., of Seattle, which also purchased the codfish business of King & Winge.

It is the intention of the new Pacific Coast Codfish Company to go into the business on a liberal scale, and they have recently bought and will send north this spring the sch. John A. This boat, which was purchased in San Diego, will be the largest and youngest codfish boat on the Sound, having been built in 1893.

UNABLE TO BEAT OUT OF HARBOR.

The coasting schooner Catawanteah, which has been in this harbor the past few days, anchored well inside, created considerable excitement yesterday while engaged in a fruitless effort to beat out against a head wind.

The vessel's anchor was hauled in and everything got in readiness to take advantage of the good weather to send the craft on her voyage to her destination. The wind was blowing directly up the harbor, so that it was a dead beat out.

On the first hitch across towards the Rocky Neck shore, the schooner bumped into the Locke wharf. Clearing from that, she was sent across the harbor in another direction, when it is said she came in contact with a fishing schooner and another coaster and was just across the channel, when the big salt steamer Dundas, bound for her berth at Pew's wharf, under slow speed hove in sight. It looked as though the big steamer would plug the coaster and send her to the bottom, but by good seamanship this was avoided and the sides of the steamer just grazed the schooner as she slowly steamed by.

Even after that it is reported from the water front, that the coaster hit another vessel, before those on board decided that it would be impossible to beat out of the harbor in safety under the existing conditions, and the anchor was again dropped and the vessel after all her criss-crossing the harbor and friendly bumps with craft which had been in her way, bid up on her anchor chain, only a short distance from where she had started.

SCH. INGOMAR HAD HALIBUT.

Sold 4700 Pounds at Ten Cents Right Through, Heads Off.

Beside her fare of fresh fish here yesterday, sch. Ingomar had a big lot of halibut, for a haddock, weighing off 4700 pounds net, clear of the heads. This is "some" halibut to catch on haddock gear. The price was 10 cents right through and it helped the stock out a good bit sort of putting the cream on the trip.

The stock was \$2100, the crew sharing \$50.75 clear.

Capt. Horace Wildes, who has landed every trip he has made this season at this port, is way up in the high line column and none of them have anything on him in the way of stock and share this winter.

Time for Herring Run at Taunton.

The period to which the residents of Taunton, the "herring city" of Massachusetts, point with pride, is almost at hand. Only a few days ago a herring gull put in his appearance at East Taunton. The inhabitants of that village at once recognized the object of its presence, that it had come to see if the Taunton herrings had begun to "run." The presence of the gull is invariably a sign of the coming of the fish and proved true this time. On the very next day two herrings were caught at Dighton.

Taunton, however, is the mecca of the fish and the herring "run" at "Squawbetty," as that section of East Taunton is termed, will soon be an attraction for visitors, who come in thousands to witness the spectacle, which really is a remarkable sight to persons not familiar with it. During the season every Sunday will find a premium on standing room on the trolley cars bound for the spot, persons coming from cities many miles away to view the run.

Expected To Be a Flyer.

Mr. McGill, the Shelburne, N. S. builder, is having lines prepared by McManus, of Boston, for the new schooner which he is to build for Captain Joseph E. Snow of Digby. She is being specially designed, of semi-knockabout style, and it is hoped that she will be completed in time to take part in the fishermen's race which will be held at Digby on the 29th of July, and in which a number of the crack fishing crafts of that port will compete.

High Price Paid for Lobsters.

One lobster fisherman brought four lobsters to N. F. Trefethen & Company at Portland, yesterday forenoon and received four dollars for his small catch. That price has never been paid to a Casco bay fisherman before and it is doubtful if such a price will ever be paid again according to the Portland dealers.

FISH COMING FOR SPLITTERS.

NETTING STEAMERS ALL MADE GOOD HAULS IN THE BAY YESTERDAY.

As was expected, this morning found some of the fish from Boston down here to split. Three crafts came yesterday afternoon and one during the night, their fares ranging from 30,000 to 100,000, the latter amount in sch. Harriet, which took out but few up there. The other three crafts, schs. Stiletto, Fannie E. Prescott and Rex brought about all cod fish.

More trips are looked for by the splitters today as there are a lot more big trips at T wharf and the market is known to be full and overflowing and it is coming on the last of the week.

The steam and gasoline netters, which run their "hedge fence" right along on bottom, had a big day yesterday, six of them landing 27,000 pounds of fish, about all haddock. Steamer Nomad was high with 7500 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Stiletto, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rex, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lillian, via Boston.

Sch. Susan and Mary, via Boston.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, via Boston.

Sch. Rose Standish, via Boston.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, via Portland.

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$2.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10.

Large cod, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.25; snappers, 60c.

Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round, \$1.

Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.

Halibut 10c per lb., right through for white and grey.

Salt Trawl Bankers Heard From.

The salt trawl bankers, which went to the south coast of Newfoundland have been heard from. Sch. Independence, II, was in at Rose Blanche a few days ago, and Capt. McInnis hauled for 70,000 pounds of salt cod. The captain reported quite good fishing there and that one of the Newfoundland bankers which got on the ground early had 150,000 pounds of salt cod.

Schs. Arkona and Theodore Roosevelt are also fishing off Rose Blanche and were in port there a few days ago.

Will Fit Sch. Olga for Pollock Seining.

Capt. John Burton will not go on an early dory handline trip this year as usual, but instead will fit sch. Olga for pollock seining. Lots of the pollock seiners are still hanging on as their skippers believe there will be good fishing on the shore before long. Some of the mackerel seining skippers say that should the pollock strike on in good shape they will stay here and catch them instead of taking chances going south after mackerel.